**Ruling of Bombay High Court Regarding Telecasting of Censored or Distorted News**

2251. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the ruling of the Bombay High Court on June 26, 1988 that censorship or distortion of views expressed by citizens who are interviewed by Doordarshan authorities, is a violation of Article 19 of the Constitution; and

(b) whether suitable instructions have been issued to the Doordarshan authorities in consonance with the Bombay High Court's ruling?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The ruling of the Honourable Court, delivered on 21-6-1988, has been noted carefully for future guidance and compliance.

2252. [*Transferred to the 23rd August, 1988.*]

**Increase in Fatal accidents in the Coal and other Mines**

2253. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current DGMS Report has indicated that fatal accidents in the coal and other mines are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The number of fatal acidents and the death rate owing to accidents in mines were lower in 1987 than those in 1985 and 1986.

(b) Year-wise details of fatal accidents and death rate per thousand persons employed in coal and other mines are given in the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CXCVII, Annexure No. 92].

(c) Provisions for safety, health and welfare of workers employed in mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and rules and regulation framed thereunder. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad inspect the mines periodically in order to enforce the statutory provisions and take appropriate action as provided in the Mines Act, 1952, against the persons held responsible for accidents and for violating the provisions of the Act. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the mangement of the mines from time to time for improving safety measures.

**Allotment of Land to Group Housing Societies in Papan Kalan**

2254. SHRIMATI AMRITA PRITAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the reasons for the delay in the allotment of land at Papan Kalan, New Delhi to the Cooperative Group Housing Societies registered in 1983 and by when these societies are likely to get the allotments, alongwith number of such societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): 1280 of the Co-operative Group Housing Societies registered with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Delhi, have been sponsored by him to the DDA for allotment of land. A scheme for allotment of land in Papan Kalan area is being formulated by the DDA